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VIA BUNKER CHANNELS

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

TO   : AMBASSADOR BUNKER
CITE: WHS2305

DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

OCTOBER 30, 1972

1. WHILE WE ARE AWAITING WORD FROM HANOI ABOUT RESUMING
OUR NEGOTIATIONS, WE SHOULD USE INTERVENING PERIOD TO
PREPARE SUPERVISORY MACHINERY TO BE IN PLACE IMMEDIATELY AT
TIME CEASE-FIRE GOES INTO EFFECT. HERE IN WASHINGTON, WE
ARE WORKING ON INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION PREPARATIONS.
WE WOULD LIKE YOU IN SAIGON TO MOVE AHEAD ON PREPARATIONS
FOR TWO-PARTY AND FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSIONS.
2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT GVN MAY BE RELUCTANT TO JOIN US IN
SUCH PLANNING WHILE THEY CONTINUE TO TAKE STAND IN PRINCIPLE
AGAINST CURRENT DRAFT AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT THEY
ARE, NEVERTHELESS, MAKING MANY PRAGMATIC PREPARATIONS FOR A
CEASE-FIRE. WE CONSEQUENTLY THINK IT IS WORTH OUR WHILE TO
ATTEMPT TO BRING THEM INTO PLANNING VENTURES WITH US.
3. PLEASE BRING FRED WEYAND COMPLETELY INTO PICTURE WITH
RESPECT OUR CURRENT DRAFT AGREEMENT AND HAVE HIM FORM VERY
SMALL PLANNING STAFF TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF FOUR-PARTY JOINT
MILITARY COMMISSION IN FORM WE WOULD CONSIDER OPTIMUM TO U.S.
INTERESTS. ONCE HE HAS DONE THIS, HAVE HIM SEND US BRIEF
OUTLINE OF HIS THINKING THROUGH THESE CHANNELS NO LATER THAN
3 NOVEMBER. HE SHOULD HAVE INFORMAL LIAISON WITH GENERAL
CAO VAN VIEN IN PREPARING HIS PLANS BUT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT AT
THIS STAGE UNDERTAKE TO EXCHANGE ANY PAPERS WITH VIEN.
4. IF WE FIND PLANS SATISFACTORY AND IF VIEN SEEMS WILLING
PURSUE PLANNING MORE DEFINITIVELY, WE WILL INSTRUCT YOU
CONCERNING FURTHER STEPS TO BE TAKEN WITH GVN.
5. I AM SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF THIS
MATTER AND URGE YOU TO CAUTION FRED WEYAND AND ALL INVOLVED
THAT IT SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE MOST SCRUPULOUS CARE
TO AVOID COMPROMISE AND PUBLIC SPECULATION. GDS.
WARM REGARDS.

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